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Application of: Muhanna, et al.	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Title: Ball Jointed Pedicle Screw and Rod System	Docket No. M112 1140.1 Customer No. 26158

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 ACCOMPANYING RCE FILING

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 CFR 1.114, and is responsive to the Final Office Action of December 6, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.